

The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

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Political Leader's Son, On Trial, Pleads Insanity

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Andrew T. Durbin, son of the chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Ohio, was described as insane in a petition filed today by his counsel, asking a continuance of two cases in which he is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses in indictments recently reported against him by the Federal grand jury of the District of Columbia.

The petition stated the young man was in a sanitarium at Dayton, Ohio, and previously had been confined for a time in a sanitarium conducted by General Charles E. Sawyer, now the President's physician. It also was set forth that Timothy T. Ansberry, of Ohio, who is in Europe, was a desirable witness for the defense, having known young Durbin all his life.

Will Hold Flapper Contest

"Is the Flapper of To-day Superior to the Girl of Thirty Years Ago?" was the subject of a recent debate by members of the Arthur Young Post, the result of which was a tie. The committee in charge of the block party to be held by the post July 19 and 20 has arranged a continuation.

The committee has decided to put the question before those who attend the party. One large doll will be dressed as the flapper of to-day and another as the girl of thirty years ago. Balleets will be issued and each party will be asked to vote its choice. The result will be announced at the conclusion of the party, which will be held on Bathgate Avenue, between 181st and 182d streets.

Dinner and Dance Planned

The country house of the Crescent Athletic Club, Shore Road, Brooklyn, will be turned over this evening to the members of the Arthur Young Post. Dinner will be served the post members and their guests at 6 o'clock. The evening will be devoted to dancing. Garden E. Gains, the post adjutant, has issued notices to all post members. The affair will be informal.

Seeks New Clubhouse

Numerous civic organizations in the Bushwick-Ridgewood sections of Brooklyn are co-operating with the members of the Heister Post in their campaign for a new clubhouse. Past Commander George Pfleger heads a committee which is enlisting the aid of all civic organizations in these sections. The post requests the various organizations offering aid to conduct block parties and other social events, and in this manner aid the post.

Bay Ridge Block Party

A block party will be held by Bay Ridge Post Saturday evening on Senator Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, Brooklyn. Many novelties have been arranged, and the committee in charge announces the service of the Metropolitan Post band has been obtained to provide music for the dancing. The clubhouse of the post is at 6782 Fifth Avenue, and all former service men in that district are invited to visit the headquarters.

Naval Post Meeting

Old Glory Naval Post will hold its meeting on the evening of July 18 in Public School 140, Fourth Avenue and Sixtieth Street, Brooklyn. An address will be made by James P. Kieran, state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. F. L. Stevenson, the post commander, has extended an invitation to all men who served in the navy to join the post.

Members of the post auxiliary are co-operating with a post committee in

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Charges Hylan Fight on Pyrene Perils Millions

Extinguisher Co. Head Says Mayor's Threatened Removal of Appliance From Subways Is Dangerous

I. R. T. Defends Criticism Refutes Board of Estimate Charge That Non-Rush Hour Order Is Violated

Walter Bauer, president of the Pyrene Manufacturing Company, defended its fire extinguishers yesterday against the attack made by Mayor Hylan and other city officials following last week's fire in the subway. He said that if the Mayor attempted to remove the Pyrene extinguishers from the subway he would imperil the lives of 2,000,000 passengers daily.

"Many of the published statements," said Mr. Bauer, "are reported as emanating from Mayor Hylan and from public officials relative to the alleged effect of the use of Pyrene fire extinguishers on the victims of the recent Lexington Avenue subway fire. Pyrene extinguishers had nothing to do with the suffering and asphyxiation that was caused by the fumes from burning insulation, but, on the other hand, extinguishers brought the fire under control, and the prompt use prevented what might have been a large casualty list."

Jeopardizes 2,000,000 Lives

"The Mayor has talked a great deal about the 'criminality' of keeping Pyrene in the subway, but he has said nothing of the 'criminality' of taking away the only means of putting out a fire in the subway quickly. Pyrene extinguishers have put out hundreds of fires in the subway during the last ten years. If the Mayor attempts to remove extinguishers from the subway he alone will be responsible for jeopardizing the lives of 2,000,000 people who daily use these lines. All experienced firemen agree that there is no substitute for Pyrene on electrical fire risks."

Frank Hedley, president of the Interborough, informed the Transit Commission yesterday that the orders he issued Tuesday concerning Pyrene extinguishers did not banish them but merely were to the effect that while the investigation into the fire was on, they were not to be used on an active electric arc.

The substitution of sand and sawdust for other extinguishers as may be recommended by the Fire Commissioner for the 'urgent and perilous' demands for immediate changes in the equipment of subway cars, which Corporation Counsel John P. O'Brien made yesterday upon Mr. Hedley.

Demands Subpoena for Hedley

Mr. O'Brien also submitted a demand to the Transit Commission for a public hearing and investigation into the causes of the subway fire, with the immediate issuance of subpoenas for Mr. Hedley and other Interborough officials, with an opportunity for their examination by representatives of the city.

The Corporation Counsel's demands were made in behalf of the committee of department heads appointed by the Mayor to investigate the accident.

Of Mr. Hedley he demanded, besides the removal of the Pyrene extinguishers, the installation of some device independent of the panel switches, to insulate every car in a subway train from the third-rail current, automatic control of emergency lights in all cars independent of all other switches and the installation of boxes of sand in every car, with which to fight short circuit fires.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at the suggestion of Mayor Hylan, adopted a resolution for an investigation by the city to determine whether the Interborough was living up to the recent order of the Transit Commission to speed up its express schedule during non-rush hour periods.

NEW LEADING THEATRES AND SUCCESSIONS

NEW AMSTERDAM THEATRE 430 PM. MATS. WED. & SAT. ZIEGFELD FOLLIES

Earl Carroll 7th Ave. & 50th St. N.Y. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. MIDNITE SHOW TO-NIGHT, 11:45. STRUT MISS LIZZIE

GOOD MORNING DEARIE GLOBE 8:15. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. BELASCO 4th St. & 42nd St. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30.

The Stage Door

"The third all-colored show to invade Broadway is 'The Plantation Revue.' The most finished piece of acting of the season."—Herald.

LENORE ULRIC AS KIKI

HARRIS 47th St. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. Week SIX CYLINDER LOVE

MUSIC BOX

47th St. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. 54TH TIME TO-NIGHT

CURT WALLACE

47th St. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. 237TH TIME TO-NIGHT

SHUFFLE ALONG

47th St. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. LAST 2 WEEKS ORIGINAL CAST

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Gets Title by Marriage



Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt, widow of the American inventor, who became the Baroness d'Erlanger in Paris yesterday.

Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt Becomes Bride of Baron

PARIS, July 12.—(By The Associated Press).—Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt, formerly Marion Andrews Brugiere, widow of the inventor, was married today to Baron Robert d'Erlanger, at St. Roch's Church.

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Upper West Side Houses Feature Trading in Flats

Northern Avenue Corner Property Held at \$250,000 Passes to New Owner; Deal Near Central Pk. W.

Louis F. Sommer sold for the Chalmers Realty Company, Joseph F. Bermain president, to J. A. Mansell the six-story elevator apartment at the northwest corner of 181st Street and Northern Avenue, 78x184, held at \$250,000.

Slawson & Hobbs sold for the Stetson Realty Corporation to the College Holding Company, Inc., Joseph Slawson president, the six-story elevator apartment at 3 West 108th Street, adjoining the north corner of Central Park West, 50x100. The house contains twenty suites and was held at \$115,000.

John Volz sold to Ludwig Hanf 162 East Ninety-first Street, a five-story flat, 33x41x100.

An investing client of Sharp & Co. purchased from William Slawson 650 Amsterdam Avenue, between Ninety-first and Ninety-second streets, a five-story apartment, 25x100, containing ten suites and two stores.

The Malatia Educational Society purchased the five-story flat with stores at the northeast corner of Third Avenue and Twenty-eighth Street, 24x100.

Harrison G. Wiseman and Hugo Tausig, architects, have filed plans for altering the old Manhattan Opera House on West Thirty-fourth street to accommodate the Scottish Rite bodies of New York. Portions of the second, third and fourth balconies are to be removed and a two-story addition is to be made on the Thirty-fourth street side, increasing its height to ten stories. A roof garden will also be built to accommodate 12,000 people. The cost of the alterations has been placed at \$200,000.

Plans have been filed for the erection of a sixteen-story manufacturing building, 38x98.9x irregular, at 352 and 354 Seventh avenue, by the Clemens Realty Company. J. H. Knubel, architect, estimates the cost at \$500,000.

Twenty-six lots in Yonkers, on Warburton and Odell avenues, were sold yesterday in the Vesey Street sales.

The Star Company, of which William H. Hearst is president, purchased from J. M. Delaney & Co. the five-story building at 7 Ferry Street, 25x113.5x irregular, near Gold Street.

In the Auction Room

66TH ST. 21st St. bet 2d and 3d ave. 40x100 and 40x100.5 to George W. H. 10:00.

FORBETH ST. 31st St. bet 4th and 5th ave. 40x100 and 40x100.5 to George W. H. 10:00.

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